

Frequently Asked Questions About BJA's STOP School Violence Act Solicitations

What about the other \$25,000,000 allocated to the STOP School Violence Program?

- The remaining funds are being made available through the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). The COPS solicitation had the following guide lines:
 - Coordinate with law enforcement.
 - Train local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and themselves—this differs from BJA funding, which provides for the training of teachers/administrators and the education of students.
 - Provide metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures.
 - Support technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency.

Will applicants for this program be subject to sanctuary-city conditions?

- No. At this time, the BJA STOP School Violence Program has not been identified as a sanctuary-city conditions program.

Why was population used as the method for identifying the application categories?

- BJA uses population as a method to evaluate applicants of similar sizes with like areas so a large city/county will not be reviewed the same as a rural area. Also, the Act gave specific guidance to the BJA Director to provide funding in an equitable geographic distribution manner.

Can nonprofit organizations or for-profit businesses apply for this funding?

- Nonprofits or for-profit businesses cannot apply directly for these funds. But under the Act, they can partner with an eligible state, unit of government, or federally recognized Indian tribe to be a subrecipient or contractor.

The anonymous reporting aspect of the BJA solicitation, is it also based on population?

- No, the anonymous reporting technology portion of the solicitation is its own application category. Since technology can serve multiple sized groups, only one category was created. It is a separate application and is not to be part of any of the population categories.

Does the match portion of the application have to be in cash?

- No, the BJA Director has mandated that the 25 percent match can be either cash or in-kind services. This assists applicants to meet the match requirement and not have to provide cash to apply.

When will the awards be made for this program?

- Once the applications are accepted and have been evaluated by the required peer review process, BJA expects all awards to be issued by September 30, 2018.

What is peer review?

- Peer review is the process that BJA uses to evaluate applications for funding. The peer review is conducted by a panel of three reviewers from outside BJA. The panel scores the applications and then provides the BJA Director with a list of top applications recommended for funding. The Director then decides which applications to fund.